

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
Petition of WorldCom, Inc. Pursuant)	
to Section 252(e)(5) of the)	
Communications Act for Expedited)	
Preemption of the Jurisdiction of the)	CC Docket No. 00-218
Virginia State Corporation Commission)	
Regarding Interconnection Disputes)	
with Verizon Virginia Inc., and for)	
Expedited Arbitration)	

**MOTION OF MCI, INC. FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

MCI, Inc. ("MCI") moves for a fourteen-day extension of the March 18, 2005, deadline for the parties to file amendments to their interconnection agreements to incorporate the rates set forth in the Bureau's March 11, 2005, *Pricing Schedule*.¹ MCI requests this extension because it needs the additional time to obtain the necessary internal approvals.

Consistent with MCI's internal processes for corporate governance, any amendment to existing interconnection agreements that involves a commitment of additional monies, must be fully vetted through all affected business channels. High-level executives must be made aware of and consent to the additional expenditures. MCI recognizes, however, that in this instance, the additional commitments are the result of administrative adjudication. As a result, MCI will

¹ *Petition of WorldCom, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(5) of the Communications Act for Preemption of the Jurisdiction of the Virginia State Corporation Commission Regarding Interconnection Disputes with Verizon Virginia Inc. and for Expedited Arbitration, Memorandum Opinion and Order*, DA 05-658 (rel. March 11, 2005).

expend every effort to expedite the process for obtaining approval for the amendments set forth in the FCC's *Pricing Schedule*. This extension does not affect the effective date of the rates. MCI also notes that Verizon Virginia, Inc. does not oppose this Motion.

For the foregoing reasons, MCI requests that the Bureau extend the deadline for submitting amendments to its interconnection agreement with Verizon by fourteen days to March 16, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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